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1. STATUS OF LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR LEFTIST PARTIES:
MAOIST REORGANIZING MOVEMENT OF PORTUGUESE PROLETARIAT (MRPP)
PRESENTED SUPREME COURT FEB 18 WITH SLIGHTLY MORE THAN
REQUIRED 5,000 SIGNATURES TO BECOME NINTH PARTY QUALIFIED TO
PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS, AND SECOND PARTY OF FAR LEFT (OTHER
IS MARXIST-LENINIST UDP). MRPP LEADERS SAID WHEN PRESENTING
SIGNATURES THAT THEY WILL COMPETE IN 14 OF NATIONS'S 22
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS. ONLY FOUR POLITICAL GROUPS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE
HAVE FAILED TO QUALIFY TO DATE: MANUEL SERRA'S POPULAR
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SOCIALIST FRONT (FRENTE SOCIALISTA POPULAR - FSP); MOVEMENT OF THE

SOCIALIST LEFT (MOVIMENTO DA ESQUERDA SOCIALISTA - MES); INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST LEAGUE (LIGA COMUNISTA INTERNACIONALISTA - LCI); AND MARXIST-LENINIST COALITION KNOWN AS COMMUNIST ELECTORAL FRONT - MARXIST-LENINIST (FRENTE ELECTORAL COMUNISTA-MARXISTA-LENINISTA - FEC-ML). FEBRUARY 20 IS LAST DAY FOR PARTIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO PRESENT THEIR 5,000 QUALIFYING SIGNATURES.

2. NEW PARTY ORGANS:

TWO NEW POLITICAL PARTY NEWSPAPERS HAVE APPEARED FOR FIRST TIME. MANUEL SERRA'S FSP-PUBLISHED FIRST NUMBER OF "FRENTE SOCIALISTA," WHICH ADVOCATES TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF CAPITALIST SYSTEM. PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (MDP/CDE) NEW WEEKLY "UNIDADE" MAKES ITS FIRST APPEARANCE THIS WEEK IN TABLOID TWO-COLOR FORMAT.

3. CDS:

CENTER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (CDS) ANNOUNCED THAT ITS YOUTH WING JUVENTUDE CENTRISTA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS AN OBSERVER BY EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC, CENTRIST, AND LIBERAL STUDENTS.

4. PRP-BR:

EIGHT MEMBERS OF FAR LEFT REVOLUTIONARY BRIGADES (PRB-BR) ARRESTED (REFTEL) BY MILITARY PATROL WHEN PRACTICING WITH MACHINE PISTOL AND OTHER WEAPONS EARLIER THIS MONTH ON BEACH NEAR LISBON, HAVE BEEN SET FREE BY COURT ORDER AND REQUIRED TO REPORT PERIODICALLY TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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